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MARRIAGE BY AGREEMENT.

Miss Selma Canfield Gibbs, a beautiful and accomplished young lady, gained a verdict in her favor before Judge Van Brunt yesterday the question involving being her legitimacy and her title to about \$50,000. In 1855, when she was but nine months old she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gibbs, who reared and educated her as their own child. Until about a year ago she did not know that she was not the child of her putative parents; who had kept her secret so well that even their own brothers and sisters were not cognizant of the facts. In 1865 Mrs. Edie Simmons died, leaving about \$100,000 to her two sons, Peter and William. The latter had been many years married, but Peter, who had become very dissipated, lived most of the time with his mother, and was supported by her, though he absented himself much of the time. William Simmons took possession of all the property Peter making no effort to obtain his share. He died in 1872, bequeathing certain pictures, some left him by his mother, to Miss Gibbs, declaring her to be his daughter. Then the executor of Mrs. Edie Simmons should go to Selma, as his daughter, or to his brother William. Then upon the services of the papers upon her, the young lady was first apprised of her situation. The case, which was strongly contested by William Simmons, was for some days on trial. It was shown that Peter Simmons became acquainted with Cornelia Potter in 1850 in a Methodist church in this city, and they became intimate and lived together. It was asserted, however, on the part of the defendant, that the relation was illicit, and that the two were not husband and wife until 1865, when a formal ceremony of marriage was performed. Mrs. Cornelia Simmons, however, testified that on February 22, 1851 they agreed to be husband and wife in presence of witnesses and Peter Simmons repeatedly declared that they were married, and in 1864 said that they had been married for thirteen years. On the question whether Miss Gibbs was the legitimate or illegitimate child of her father, Judge Van Brunt repeated the law which he laid down in the Brinkley case, that an agreement of marriage is a marriage, with the addition that all pre-arrangements are in favor of the legitimacy of the child under an informal marriage. The jury stayed out a little over an hour and returned with a verdict for Miss Gibbs on every point.—N. Y. Sun.

THE NEW STEAMER, MARY WASHINGTON, (named after the mother of General Washington), now lying at the foot of Duke street, is a craft worthy of special notice. Most emphatically she will be "The People's Steamboat." With a large and commodious ladies' cabin on the first deck, and an immense saloon, 130 feet long, and 45 feet wide, on the upper deck, large enough to accommodate 500 people, and an unobstructed space for music and from twenty to thirty sets of cotillions and contradances, she will be the favorite boat for excursions parties. Again, she will remove the necessity of chartering steamers a month in advance, at a large cost, because she will be an excursion boat every day in the week, with better accommodation, than ever before offered, and her regular fair will be less than usually charged on chartered boats.

Another great advantage will be obtained—she will be a morning boat up the river. Here-tofore, people living on the Maryland side as far down as Port Tobacco, and on the Virginia side to Oceanview, have been compelled, in order to reach Washington and Alexandria, to leave home in the afternoon, at a loss of two nights, and one day, and at an expense of from \$7 to \$10. By this new steamer, persons can leave Port Tobacco, Glymont, and vicinity; also Oceanview, Lona, and Accotink early in the morning, have eight hours in Washington, and return same day, at an expense not to exceed one dollar. In short, a trip every day in the week can be made on the Mary Washington at less expense than one trip can be made under the present arrangement.

No wonder the inhabitants on the Upper Potomac are delighted with the prospects of a morning boat affording a quick, cheap, pleasant, and commodious passage to Alexandria and the national capital. "A good time is coming, boys, wait a little longer!"—Home Stead.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.—There resides in the mountains of Bedford county, nearly thirty miles above this city, a widow lady, now in her seventy-ninth year, who is, in many respects, a curiosity. Reared in obscurity, and with no educational advantage—being ignorant even of the rudiments of English—she is possessed of a mind so clear and penetrating as to be able to express herself, in graceful language, upon any given subject, and has frequently won plaudits and "limbs of the law" who have encountered her. Her husband was a soldier in the war of 1812, and, after his death, having given numerous "pension agents" a fair opportunity to get from the government the little sum to which she is entitled, and vindicating her rights unaided, and soon came out conqueror—not that she needed the money, but because it belonged to her. She visits this city four or five times a year, and notwithstanding her advanced age, her step is as light, her eyes sight as good, and her hearing as acute, as they were fifty years ago. She never forgets a face, and can narrate, with absolute mastery of dates, the occurrences of her childhood. This remarkable woman, who is shopping all over the city, and visiting among her relatives, is the mother of nine children, and has one hundred and two grand children, and thirty-eight great grand children now living.—Lynch News.

THE MEN IMITATING THE WOMEN.—Out West food husbands are forming bands in imitation of the female crusaders, and go about praying with milliners, begging them not to deal out to their wives and daughters the intoxicating spring bonnet and the ravishing popkiss hat with ribbons on a side dish, and sometimes the pious pilgrims are laughed to scorn and driven off with tricks.

DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED TURFMAN.—Wm. Henry Jarvis, a well-known driver and trainer, died in Boston on Monday morning, after a brief but severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. Jarvis, at the time of his death, was in the employ of John F. Merrill, at Beacon Park, Boston, for whom he had trained Comoros and other noted horses. He was born in Roslyn, L. I., and was only thirty one years old.

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jan 7

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jan 8-1/2

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